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*= less than 0.5 percent



1. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the Catholic Church? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
All:							
2/17/13	62	26	35	28	16	13	10
4/24/05	56	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	8
2/22/04	54	"	"	33	"	"	13
10/13/03	48			44			8
12/15/02	40			52			8
6/17/02	45			47			9
6/9/02	47			45			7
3/28/02	55			34			11
2/20/02	63			27			11
8/30/99*	68			19			13

*Wash Post/Kaiser/Harvard, asked "very/somewhat" follow

Catholics:							
2/17/13	86	56	30	11	7	3	3
4/24/05	81	NA	NA	17	NA	NA	1
2/22/04	87	"	"	10	"	"	3
10/13/03	80			17			3
12/15/02	69			30			2
6/17/02	69			28			3
6/9/02	70			28			2
3/28/02	73			24			3
2/20/02	88			9			4

2. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Pope Benedict the Sixteenth ? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
All:							
2/17/13	54	22	32	27	17	10	19
4/13/08	48	NA	NA	24	NA	NA	28

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Catholics:							
2/17/13	76	43	33	14	8	6	9
4/13/08	74	NA	NA	13	NA	NA	14

Compare to Pope John Paul the Second:

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
All:			
3/13/05	67	16	17
10/13/03	65	24	11
1/13/98	71	10	19
10/1/95	64	20	16
8/8/93	68	12	20
8/23/87	51	8	41

Catholic:			
3/13/05	87	8	5
10/13/03	84	11	5
10/1/95	83	10	7
8/23/87	76	4	20

3. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Pope Benedict's decision to step down as the head of the Catholic Church? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
All:							
2/17/13	64	33	31	23	13	10	13
Catholics:							
2/17/13	69	43	26	22	14	8	9

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